

The mission of the Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) is to provide information and professional advice for the orderly, efficient and attractive development and redevelopment of land in Wichita and Sedgwick County.

Overview

The MAPD serves as a clearinghouse for development-related data for the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. The MAPD makes recommendations on development applications and issues to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, the City Council, the County Commission and various boards and commissions. The MAPD holds workshops and hearings to facilitate citizen involvement in the planning process, and publishes periodic reports on topics such as population growth and development trends.

The Department consists of four divisions. The Administration Division is responsible for leadership and department management, overseeing the department budget, monitoring federal and state transportation grants and recording minutes of several advisory boards. Current Plans administers zoning and subdivision regulations, processes development applications ensuring orderly development of land in a manner that minimizes the cost of providing public services while ensuring that public safety and health concerns are addressed and maintains the values and quality of life of surrounding properties. Current Plans maintains the official maps reflecting platting, zoning and rights-of-way. Land Use provides research and policy analysis on community development issues for elected and appointed officials. Land Use and Research supports the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and neighborhood planning initiatives. Transportation Planning provides research and policy analysis on transportation related issues, develops and maintains the transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan, and assists in securing available State and Federal transportation funds. Partially funded with grants, the Division is the channel through which Federal and State transportation grants are coordinated.



Land Use staff discuss proposed MidTown neighborhood plan

Located within MAPD, but grant funded, is one senior planner dedicated to historic preservation. Responsibilities include design review for building alterations in and around historic districts, advertisement of a low-interest loan program and community education.

Finance and Operations

The interlocal agreement provides that MAPD be funded 50 percent by the City of Wichita and 50 percent by Sedgwick County, with grants supporting Transportation Planning and Historic Preservation. In addition to 50 percent of the cash funding, the City also provides in kind services in the amount of \$278,340. The department generates revenue from items such as subdivision plats, rezoning fees, and the sale of maps and planning publications.

Summary of Revenue Sources				
\$ In Thousands				
	2001	2002	2003	2004
Historic Preservation grants	77	79	81	83
Planning grants	542	696	710	675
Program revenue	238	239	255	262
Sedgwick County	556	650	701	713
City of Wichita	556	634	701	713
Total Revenue	1,969	2,298	2,448	2,446

Revenues continue a declining trend, despite a continued demand for more sophisticated services. The dual fee structure contributes to a smaller and unequal cost recovery structure for citizens and businesses using planning services. The 2003 Adopted and 2004 Approved Budgets continue to invest in technology that provides more convenient and more efficient services without additional staff.

In 2000, MapWise became available providing computerized desktop access to zoning maps, making the maps far more accessible than the paper versions. In 2002 MapWise access was expanded to six additional planners. Though current maps are available on the desktop, numerous maps and documents currently stored on paper are routinely drawn from archives. The 2003 budget includes a large-surface scanner to convert historical maps to an electronic format. Conversion of paper maps to electronic format will offer an enhanced service to developers, facilitating quick e-mailing of maps to developers, saving mailing costs, printing costs and long-term staff time.

Kansas law requires that the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County adopt and review annually a comprehensive plan, and by Federal law, to prepare a major update of the transportation plan every five years. Work on the comprehensive plan will be ongoing in 2003, including public forums for early and meaningful citizen input. Funds for public hearings, legal notices, and publication are included in the 2003 and 2004 budgets. The adopted comprehensive plan will be published in 2004.

Selected Service Levels				
	2000	2001	2002	2003
Annexation requests	16	24	25	25
Unilateral annexations	8	5	2	2
Small city annexations	4	6	1	1
Annexation staff hours	1,677	647	500	500

Highlights

- ✓ Increases funding for technology for long term reduced costs and an increased level of service that can be provided to customers electronically.
- ✓ Reflects funding for the Comprehensive Plan development and publication that Kansas law and Federal regulation require be updated every five years.
- ✓ Elimination of one support position for increased technology support and services.

City-County Planning Department Budget Summary					
	2001 Actual	2002 Adopted	2002 Revised	2003 Adopted	2004 Approved
Personal Services	1,167,732	1,301,150	1,291,770	1,402,550	1,435,670
Contractual Services	168,374	201,650	212,510	232,850	244,390
Commodities	14,437	19,760	18,260	17,400	17,560
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	12,600	0
Total Fund Expenditures	1,350,543	1,522,560	1,522,540	1,665,400	1,697,620
Less: Sedgwick Co. contribution	(556,176)	(629,440)	(649,640)	(717,170)	(730,390)
Other revenue	238,080	(263,680)	(239,240)	(247,560)	(253,750)
Net Planning Fund Expenditures	1,032,447	629,440	633,660	700,670	713,480
Grant Resources	542,474	695,730	695,730	709,650	675,160
Local Resources	1,350,543	1,522,560	1,522,540	1,665,400	1,697,620
Total Planning Resources	1,893,017	2,218,290	2,218,270	2,375,050	2,372,780
Full-time positions	30	30	29	29	29
Part-time positions	3	3	3	3	3
Total FTE positions	30.45	30.45	29.45	29.45	29.45